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**THE DISCUSSION ON THE ESTIMATES.**

The House of Assembly yesterday commenced a discussion of the Estimates. No man likes the task of turning the willing labor of drift, or reducing the wages of a faithful servant. We have in the Government of Vancouver Island a number of estimable men, willing enough, we believe, to work, and give the country its money's worth in labor; but on the other hand we have an exchequer that is at a very low ebb, and totally unable to maintain the very extensive official staff which at present draws its sustenance from an overburdened people. We are sure there was not a member yesterday in the House who, however eager for retrenchment, did not feel sorry at being obliged to take away the salary of a single official; but public duty is above sentiment, and stern necessity knows no law. The work of retrenchment has commenced, and no scruples should interfere with its completion.

The estimates so far discussed by the House have undergone a very sweeping reduction. The Governor's private secretary has been struck out; the second clerk of the Colonial Secretary has been struck out, and the chief clerk's salary reduced \$500; the Treasurer has been amalgamated with the Harbourmaster, the Assessor with the Assistant Surveyor General, the Clerk of the House with the Auditor, and the Registrar of the Supreme Court with the Registrar of Deeds; a clerk to the Chief Justice was refused, as was also a clerk to the Attorney General. The latter official gets his old salary, but without fees. The reductions so far have amounted to \$21,075, and the number of officials removed to eleven. The following table will give our readers a more succinct idea of the "situation":

Gov.	Estimate.	Amount.
Governor.....	\$2200	\$ 500
Leg. Council.....	650	650
Assembly.....	2550	2250
Col. Secretary.....	3250	1100
Traveller, in- cluding As- sessor, &c.....	6525	9825
Attitor.....	1300	1300
Chief Justice.....	5820	5820
Clerk to do.....	1000	1000
Surveyor General.....	5825	2600
Harbor Master, Post Master.....	4505	3855
.....	6025	2760
Sup. Court Mes- senger.....	600	500
Attorney General.....	1465	1455
Clerk to do.....	1000	1000
Sheriff.....	1000	1000
Total.....	\$45,883	\$25,808
		\$21,075

We have here a reduction of nearly one-half the Government estimates. We think this is as far as reasonable retrenchment can go; but we do not believe it is too far. We are firmly convinced that if His Excellency Governor Kennedy accepts the views of the House in good faith, and carries them out, the public service will just be as efficiently performed as ever. If, however, His Excellency does not accept the views of the Assembly; if he thinks the members do not in their retrenchment represent the opinions of the people, there is nothing open to him but a dissolution. It is just possible that the majority who now act together in the House may be supplanted by a class of men very widely differing from them in their ideas of economy. It is just possible that the people of Vancouver Island have been crying for retrenchment as the child cries for the toy, only to fling it away again. All the popular ideas may be really phantasies. Instead of taxation being too onerous, it may turn out that our contributions to the general Government are really insignificant compared with our capacity to pay, and that instead of a scheme of economy, we should be launching out into lavish expenditure. All this is quite possible, and if His Excellency has the slightest hope that it is so, we would earnestly advise him to appeal to the people, and ask them, through a general election, to adopt his ideas of expenditure for 1866. There is nothing like a bold course when one is in doubt. We are sure if he took the advice of the minority who voted yesterday against almost every reduction, he would dissolve the House. These gentlemen, and we would call our readers attention to their votes in our report, no doubt feel conscious that they have done their duty; that they have stood up manfully against their constituents, and have endeavored to pile on salary after salary, expense upon expense. It is natural that they should charge the majority with being a clique or club, bound by some mystic tie to cling together. A majority allied to carry out every measure which the interests of the colony demand, allied to reduce the expenditures of the country to an amount commensurate with the people's pockets, and to remove, as much as possible, the irksome character of our taxation, is a body of men, dangerous to the public interest, threatening to the House of Assembly and peculiarly disagreeable to those amiable gentlemen, who, borrowing Earl Russell's phrase of "rest and be thankful" are only too happy when they are taking their repose as stumbling-blocks in the pathway of economy and of progress.

If ever the thanks of a community were due to a body of men, the thanks of Vancouver Island are due to-day to those members of the Assembly who have labored and are laboring to the great sacrifice of their time, in the House and out of it, to carry out those

measures, which Vancouver Island since it was a colony has yearned for but in vain. It may suit an obstructive minority in the Assembly to dignitize them as a clique or a club, but we think the public will adopt the biblical wisdom and judge them by their works. It is possible, however, that His Excellency will decree that those works shall be stopped—that all two years' legislation shall be destroyed—that all the bills which the Upper House threw out last session and all the bills which the Lower House has passed and intends to pass this session shall be again thrown into the wastebasket—that in fact the House of Assembly is a mischievous body, interfering with the machinery of government, and disgracing the colony by its parsimony, and that the sooner it is terminated the better. All this may be said and done by Her Majesty's representative; but there is a good deal of worldly wisdom in the Shakespearian sentiment that "it is better to bear the bairns we have than fly to others that we know not of."

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## STEAM TO COMOX And Way Ports.

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"Sir James Douglas,"  
Will sail for Comox  
On Monday Morning, 15th instant,  
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B. W. PEARCE,  
Acting Surveyor General.  
Lands and Works, 12th January, 1866.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

COLLINS' OVERLAND TELEGRAPH!  
Western Union Telegraph Extension  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, to all persons who may be in debt to the Company, and will not be responsive for any debt contracted by any person whatsoever in his service or behalf, that the Company will, on the 20th day of January, current, when and where a promissory will be submitted to the meeting to be held at the office of the Company, for the party, as Trustee for the benefit of the Creditors generally, and that all proceedings in the Court of Bankruptcy be stayed. JOHN COPLAND,  
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## C O M M E R C I A L

### EXPORTS.

Per Sch. A. J. WESTER, from Port Angeles—1200 bush. oats, 2 ton hay, 14 bags, 4 doz. chickens, 60 doz. eggs. Consigned to D. Leneve, value \$10.

Per Schr SPRAY, from Port Angeles—30 bush. potatoes, 7 tons of hay, 14 bags, 4 flour bags, 1 bush. cabbage, 1 bag butter, 1 box eggs, 2 bush. hams. Consigned to R. Brodrick, value \$37.

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

#### ENTERED.

Jan. 12.—Sch J. K THORNDIKE, Thornton, San Juan, Sip Foam, Stearns, Port Angeles Sip Indian Maid, McIntosh, Nanaimo Sip Early Harris, Frain, Nanaimo Sip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Corrigan Sip Pacific, 208, Nanaimo

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MISSIONARY MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society will be held on Thursday evening next at seven o'clock in the Wesleyan Church, on which occasion the Hon. Chief Justice Nechuan will preside. Addresses will be delivered by Clergymen and others. Preparatory sermons will be preached to-morrow, the 14th inst., at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. by the Rev. E. Robson, of New Westminster, followed by collections in aid of the fund of the Society.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—William and Francis Rose were yesterday sent up for trial on the charge of robbing a Chinaman on the highway of his boots and \$50 in money.

COAL.—The schooner Black Diamond arrived yesterday with 100 tons Nanaimo coal to R. Brodrick.

THE COLLECTORS for the family of Maurice Carey had another successful day yesterday.

THE SHIP MODELS will be raffled to-night at the Grotto.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.—On Monday last, the 1st inst., Bailey Bush, of Bush Prairie, shot himself, and it is thought expired almost instantly. He was found some two or three hundred yards from the house, lying on his back with his right shoe off. From the position of the body deceased must have placed the muzzle of the gun—a United States Yager—under his chin and touched the trigger with his toe. The ball entered the right side of the lower jaw, ranging upward, striking the left side of the head to pieces. No papers were found to give any clue to the act, and the only evidence elicited by the Coroner's jury bearing on that point was that the deceased had had a severe attack of brain fever which undoubtedly shattered his mind. The following verdict was rendered by the Coroner's jury: "We the jurors hold that the deceased, agree from evidence as given in the investigation of the same, that the deceased came to his death by a gun shot wound inflicted by himself, on the 1st January, 1866.—*Pacific Tribune.*

absurd enough to wonder at outsiders' apathy to us or ours, or their quoting Uncle Toby's remark to the tradesmen, 'I have no room enough to hold for them all.'"

Not in the vulgar spirit of growling are these remarks offered, but to assist in agitating the question, how long are we to be oppressively taxed? For in what way is the world better off for our paying more in proportion than others in any part of the earth even in war times? We have not land in the colony for turning out men with a hand-mine pile. An occasional one may have a competency, but that is the exception. The year past, with the exception of making of opposition, failed to bring an increase of population, and it is to the many hard-working miners, to plodding traders, many bankrupts, and others asking for more time, and say if there is not something radically wrong, as a first cause, in the Government. Such things are to do and exist, and yet we have a greater yield of gold proportionately than California or Australia, and this fails to produce an equivalent immigration. Are we to continue to support a government institution, the members of which are to a man the leaders of the colonists and who raise our voice, and whose members at heart are heedless if the fate of Cariboo traders extends to all? Are we to have a prospect in the pan on our own account before the millennium without giving the greater part to our rulers? As a people in the habit of boasting of their individual wealth, perhaps we have on equal. It helps to pass sleepers as merchants, and there is nothing so easy as lying. But to veraciously accuse how much an up country trader can do for his God, and the consequences of life motto in your year in British Columbia, divide the amount paid by him for dues, and if he is lucky enough to have had few bad (potatoes) debts in his harvest, you have the sum to a decimal.

Are we suffering under a lash to "grin and bear it," not even faring the jolly Government with a howl from the mountains, or are we apathetic blockheads, veritable British boobies, so disgustingly English as to stand anything? Did an immigration set in here equal to the last stamped out the Blockade? And the same tariff in foreign ports, they would entail enough money from taxes to make a railway to Canada, and the tariff keeps them from coming.

Can no Solon come forward and suggest some remedy? A government we must have, but not one working a system that acts as a scarecrow or bugaboo to the whole North Pacific Coast. If they would get more game in the trap, remove the obstructions to the entrance, the bait is all right—Big River and Bridge River—and we, the game caught inside, whether it be foxes, shanks, or whistling swallows, will ever pay the powers Lillooet, Jan. 3, 1866. T. W. F.

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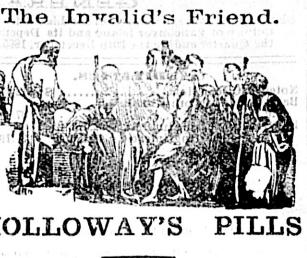
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